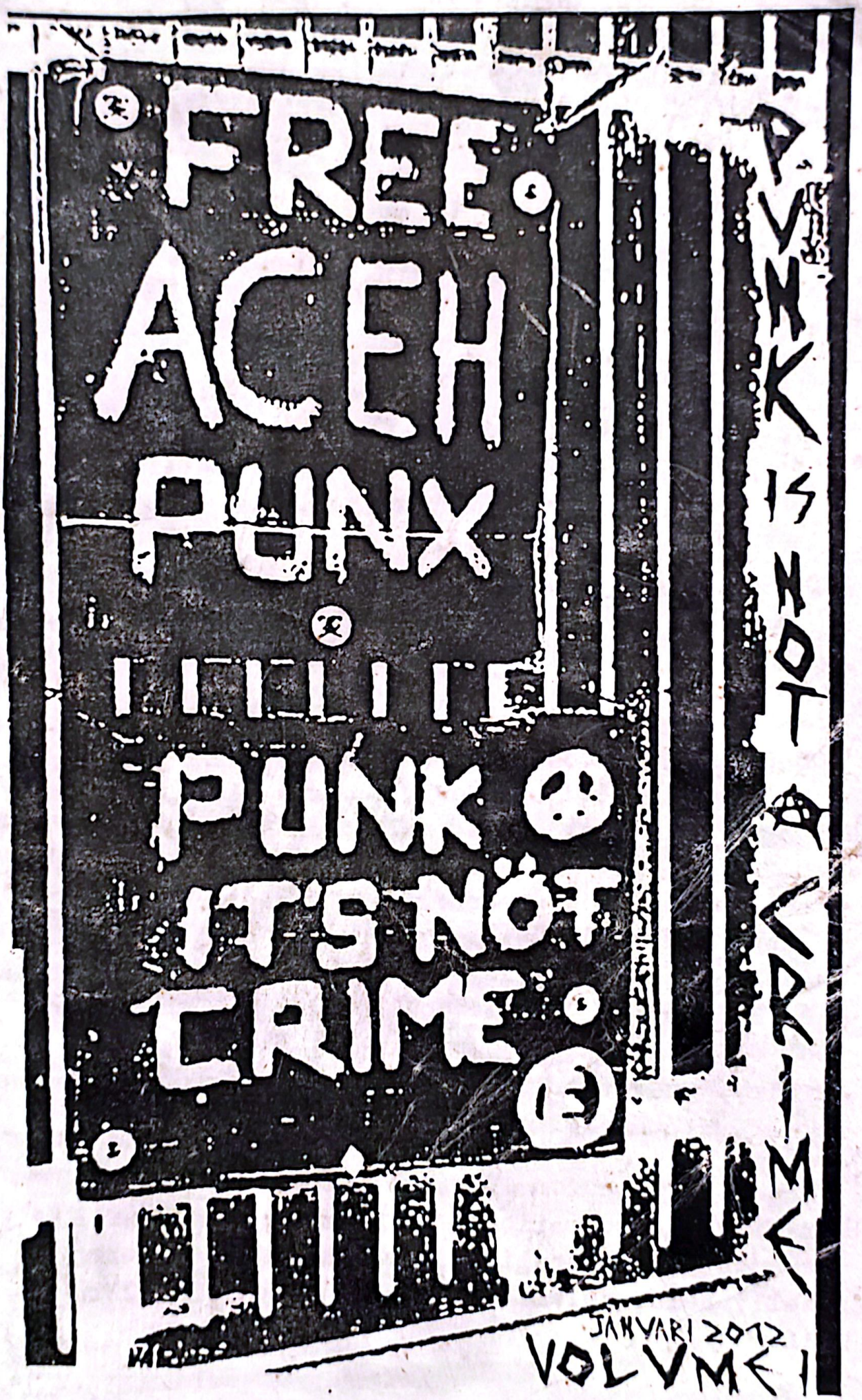
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INTRODUCTION:

On Saturday December 11th 2011, 64 punks ranging in age from teenaged to mid-30's were unfairly arrested at a show in Aceh on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia. After arrest the punks were commanded to watch as they and their friends were forcibly stripped of their haircuts. Men and boys had their heads shaved clean and women's hair was cut short in the fashion of a female police officer. The police took their clothes, removed their piercings, their jewelry, everything. The police then forced everyone to take a communal bath in a lake.

They were then for 10 days forced to undergo morality "re-education", military drills, harsh treatment and brutality from the police before finally being released on Friday, December 23rd 2011.

Indonesia is a predominantly moderate democratic country but Aceh is somewhat unique. After the tsunami of 2004 the President of Indonesia brokered a deal with the separatist group Free Aceh Movement, which allowed some autonomy from the central government in Jakarta. Since then Aceh has become by far the strictest when it comes to dictating morality laws. Shariah law is enforced, allowing for such punishments as public stonings for adultery and canings for individuals who are gay. The deputy mayor Illiza Sa'aduddin Djamal has stated she thinks punk is a "social disease" that must be eradicated.

Many of the punks are not originally from Aceh and only came to support the benefit for orphans. A lot of the punks are working people and have families to support; some are now at risk of losing their jobs because of this illegal detainment.

Not only is this a violation of individual freedoms but it is also an abhorrent and blatant violation of human rights.

Punks around the world have responded with outrage and action. Not only were there protests the world over but hundreds of people are organizing benefits, collecting 'zines and clothing, mix-tapes and patches to show solidarity with these kids. To let them know they are not alone.

I created this 'zine to show the punks in Aceh some of the international support they have received from the punk community and I think it's a project I will continue with. It amazes me that so simple a truth, that not all punks are criminals has to be explained over and over.

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Punks are people too. Just like you. We have families. Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. Husbands, wives, children. We have education, jobs, and lives. We care about our families, our children and each other. Punk is an international community. I can go to Germany, America, Indonesia, Australia, Mexico and even if I have never been there before I will have a place to sleep and food to eat because we care about each other. Punk is like a family, without that family I would feel lost, confused and directionless. There have been times in my life when I was down on my luck, didn't have money for food or a home to sleep in, and my friends would always help me out. Not everyone in our community is responsible but that is no reason to judge everyone by the way they look. There are plenty of criminals in the world and if some are punk, well, know we aren't all like that. We are human too. We love, we laugh, and we cry just the same as you.

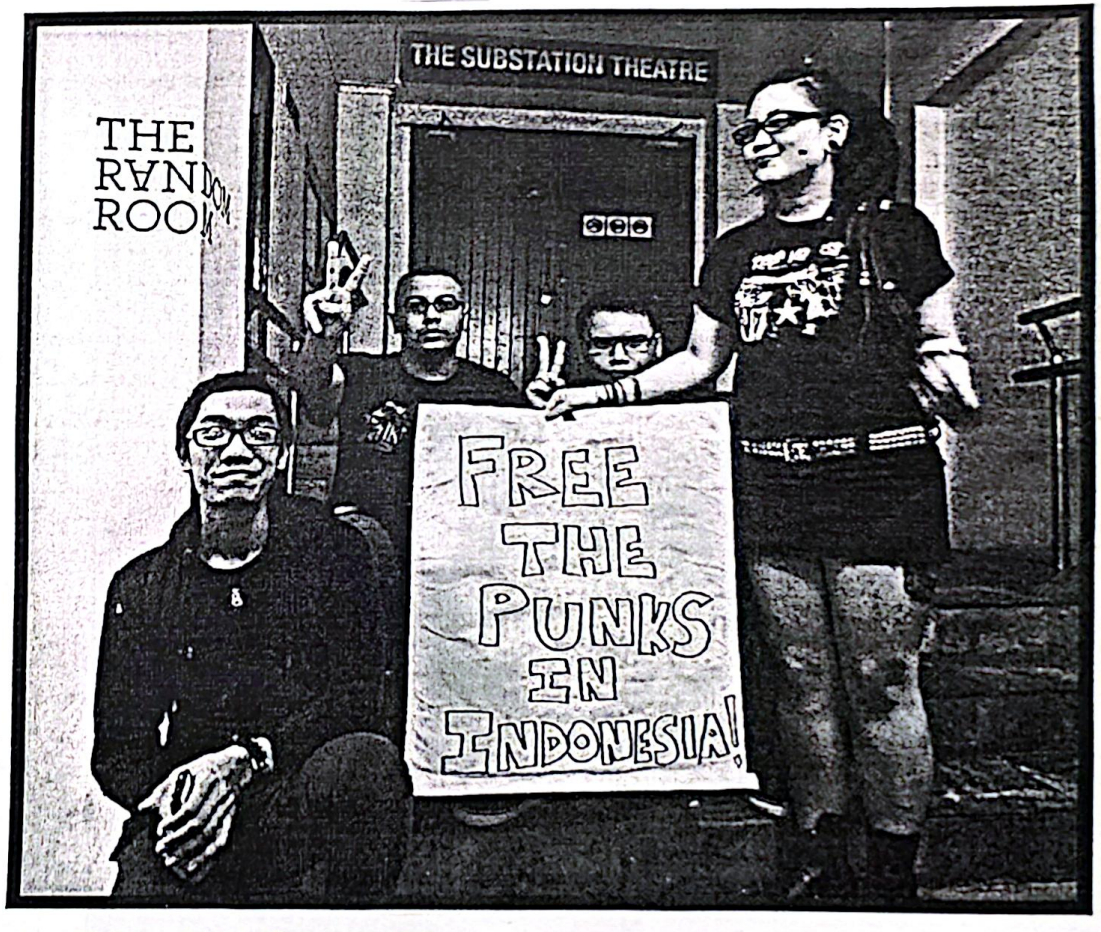
Punk is a community first and fashion second, or third or fourth. Yes we want to make a statement with our clothes, our hair, our tattoos, and yes that statement can often mean "FUCK YOU!" But that's not to every individual on the street, it's our statement to messed up politics, corrupt governments and biased judicial systems. Sure many punks may have lost sight of that but we are a dysfunctional family, and we are making due with the best we have in a fucked up world. You don't assume every person you see in a business suit on the street is a criminal but many of them are. Does that mean everyone that wears a suit is a criminal? No, It means PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE. Whether punk, scientist, artist, mother, or child we are all human and we deserve to be treated as such. WITH RIGHTS. With individual freedoms to choose our own lives, our own paths.

No person has the right to tell someone how they should look or what they should wear.

The adage "don't judge a book by its cover" forever reigns true. I feel lucky, no, blessed to call myself punk and I hope that the public outrage over the punks being persecuted in Aceh can show people that we are not small, we are not few. We are many and we will always fight for our freedom and the freedom of our brothers and sisters.

In Solidarity.. Semangat Terus!

-Sri Aduh



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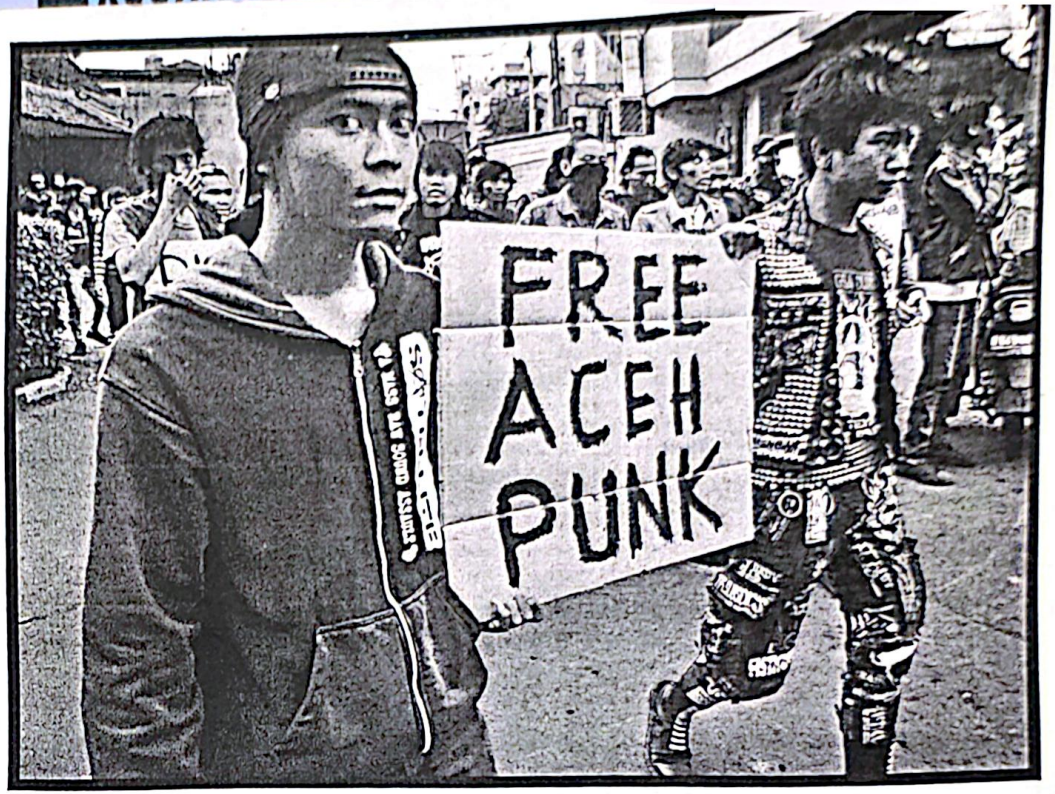
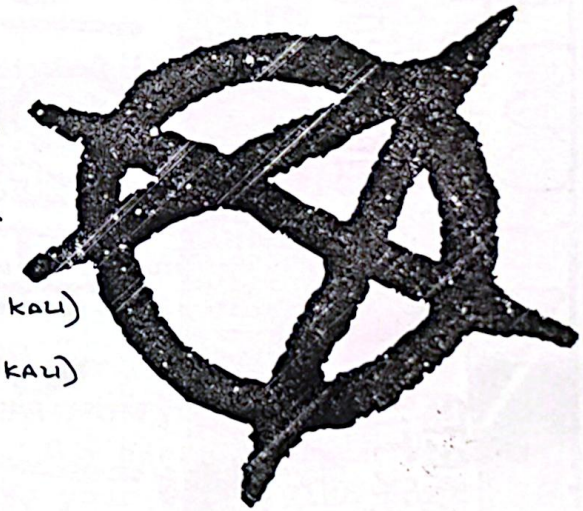
A PROTESTER SHAVED HIS HAIR INTO A MOHAWK TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH ACEH PUNKS



AKSI SOLIDARITAS:

- MOSCOW, RUSSIA
- LONDON, ENGLAND
- ISTANBUL, TURKEY
- SAN FRANCISCO, AMERICA
- LOS ANGELAS, AMERICA
- KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
- SINGAPORE
- JAKARTA, INDONESIA (2 KALI)
- BANDUNG, INDONESIA (2 KALI)
- SEMARANG, INDONESIA
- JOGJA, INDONESIA



Dear Aceh Punks,

I am an American punk living in Indonesia. I live here BECAUSE of the punk community. When I heard about what has happened to you it brought me to tears. And when OUR community responded not just in Indonesia but all over the world that brought me to tears too. And again when I get news that you are still defiant in the face of oppression.

I hope the news is leaking to you that you are not alone. You not only have each other in your community in Aceh but US, your world-wide punk community, supporting you, rallying, protesting, angry for you.

Punk the world over is often viewed as a negative thing; we are often viewed as criminals and thugs. But we know the truth; yes we reject society as a whole but what the fuck has society ever done for us? We fly in the face of the oppression for our brothers and sisters and we don't stand for it.

I obviously can't openly speak for everyone but I can say with certainty that every punk in the world that has contacted me in the last few days is angry and earnestly wants you to know that we care, and your community supports you. Your defiance of archaic religious laws, your attempts at freedom, your spirit through all of this strengthens our community and I hope it makes the government and the police realize that yes punk IS a threat again.

We don't stand for this kind of inhumane treatment and your detainment has awakened a lot of people to the idea that the threat to the punk community is still very real and must be fought against with all our hearts.

Untuk Punk Aceh,

Saya Punk dari Amerika asli. Aku tinggal di Indonesia KARENA adanya komunitas Punk di sini. Saya menangis ketika mendengar dan mengetahui apa yg terjadi dengan kawan-kawan Punk di Aceh, dan ketika komunitas di seluruh dunia menanggapi atas apa yang terjadi disini (Aceh Punks)membuat saya semakin terharu. Dan lagi ketika saya mendapat berita bahwa kalian masih menantang dalam menghadapi penindasan.

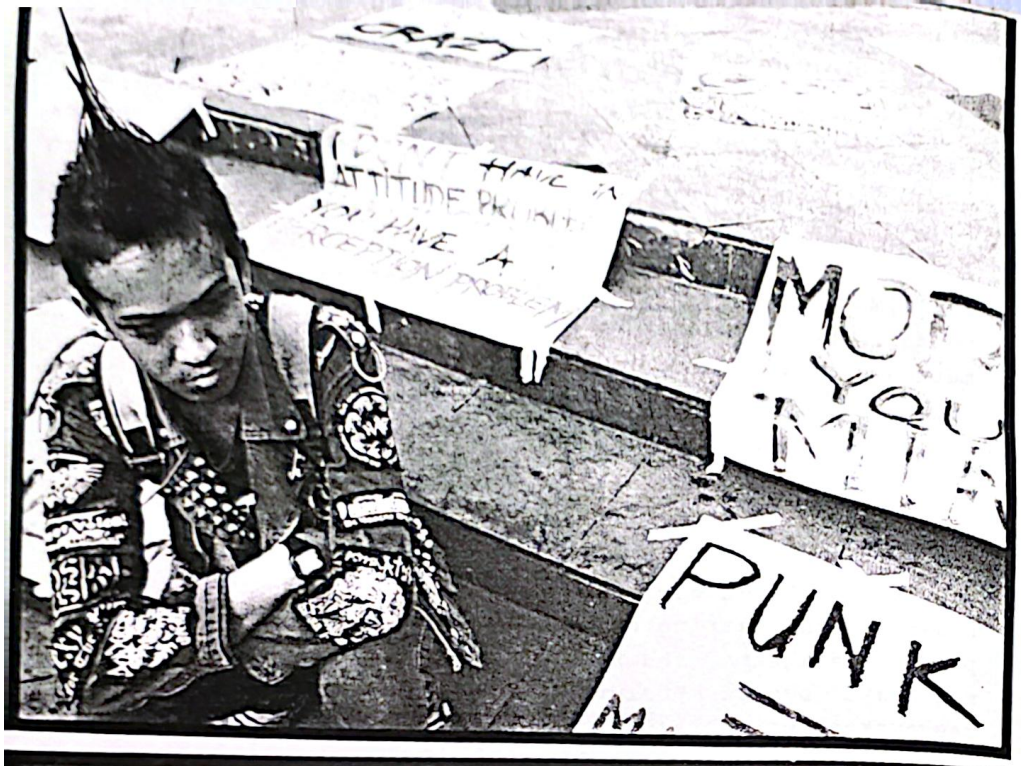
Saya harap berita ini tersebar kepada kalian bahwa kalian tidak sendirian. kalian tidak hanya memiliki satu sama lain dalam komunitas kalian di Aceh, tetapi KITA, di seluruh dunia komunitas Punk, mendukungmu, memprotes, marah untuk kalian.

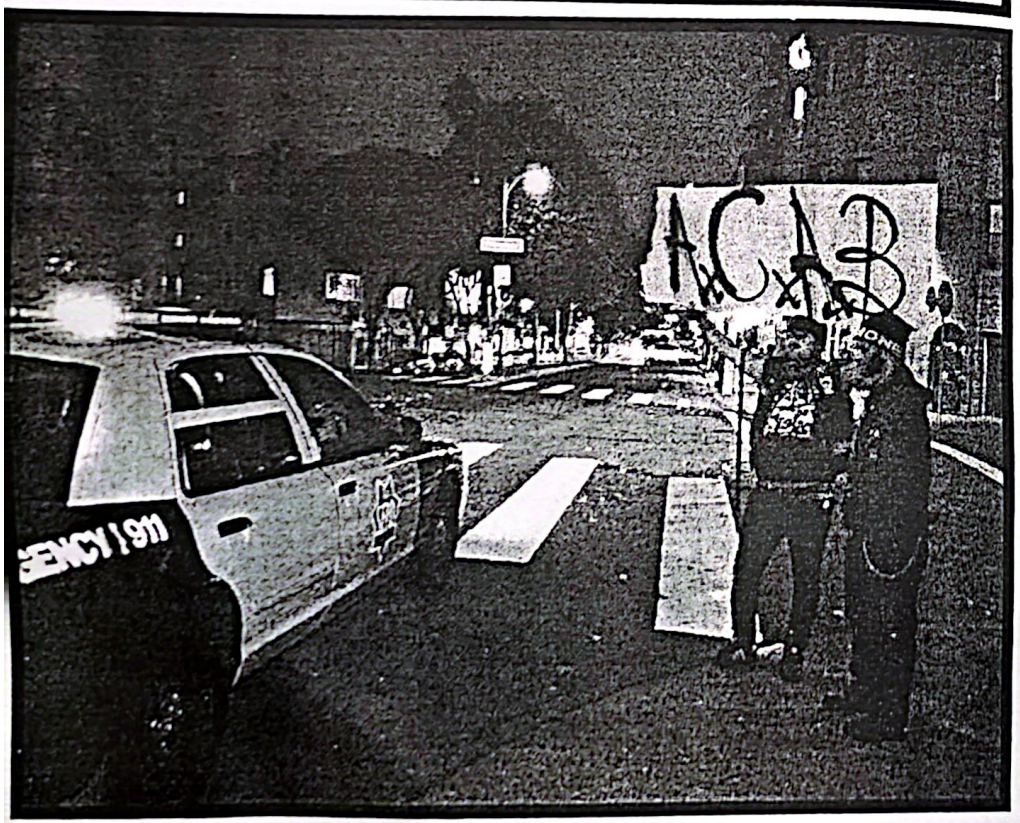
Punk di seluruh dunia sering dipandang sebagai hal negatif , kami sering dipandang sebagai penjahat dan preman. Tapi kita tahu kebenaran, ya kita menolak masyarakat secara keseluruhan, tapi apa sih yang masyarakat pernah lakukan bagi kita? Kami terbang dalam menghadapi penindasan bagi saudara-saudari kita dan kita tidak berdiri untuk penindasan.

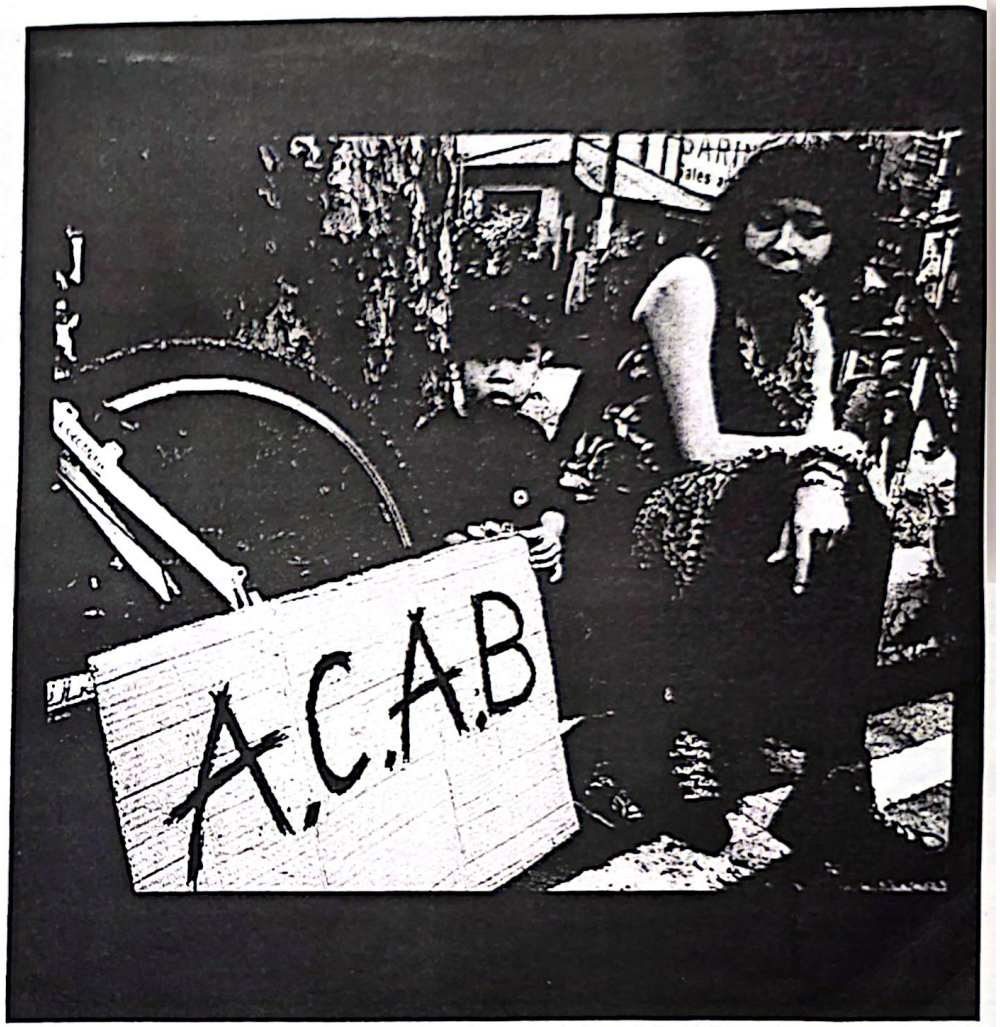
Saya jelas, tidak bisa bicara secara terbuka untuk semua orang, tapi saya dapat mengatakan dengan pasti kepada kalian bahwa kawan2 Punk di dunia yang telah menghubungi saya dalam beberapa hari terakhir ini mengatakan bahwa mereka MARAH dan sungguh-sungguh ingin kalian mengetahuinya bahwa mereka peduli, dan mendukung komunitas kalian.

Kalian menantang hukum agama kuno , upaya kalian pada kebebasan, semangat kalian menghadapi semua ini semakin memperkuat komunitas kita, dan saya berharap itu dapat membuat pemerintah dan polisi menyadari bahwa PUNK akan menjadi ANCAMAN lagi dan terus menjadi ancaman untuk segala bentuk PENINDASAN.

Kami tidak berdiri untuk segala bentuk perlakuan yang tidak manusiawi dan segala bentuk penahanan paksa dengan alasan palsu yang direkayasa. Kalian telah membangkitkan banyak orang untuk gagasan bahwa ANCAMAN BAGI PUNK MASIH ADA DAN NYATA dan PUNKS harus BERJUANG MELAWAN dengan segenap hati kita.







Ask anyone & they will tell you they want their children to grow up in a world free of tyranny & oppression. for many this includes a world free of corrupt & thieving police who persecute, beat, torture & murder people because of their race, religion, looks or lifestyle.

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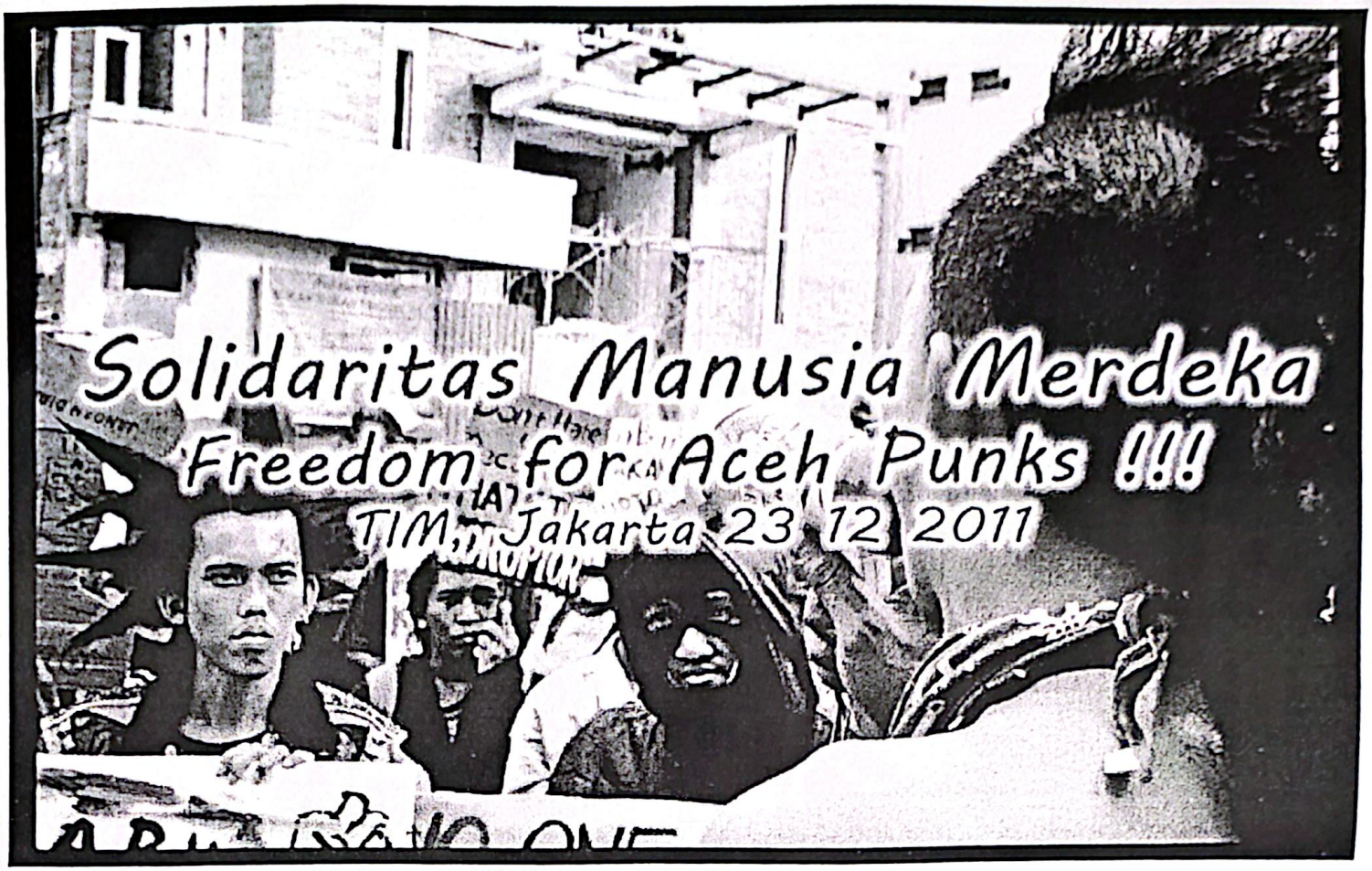
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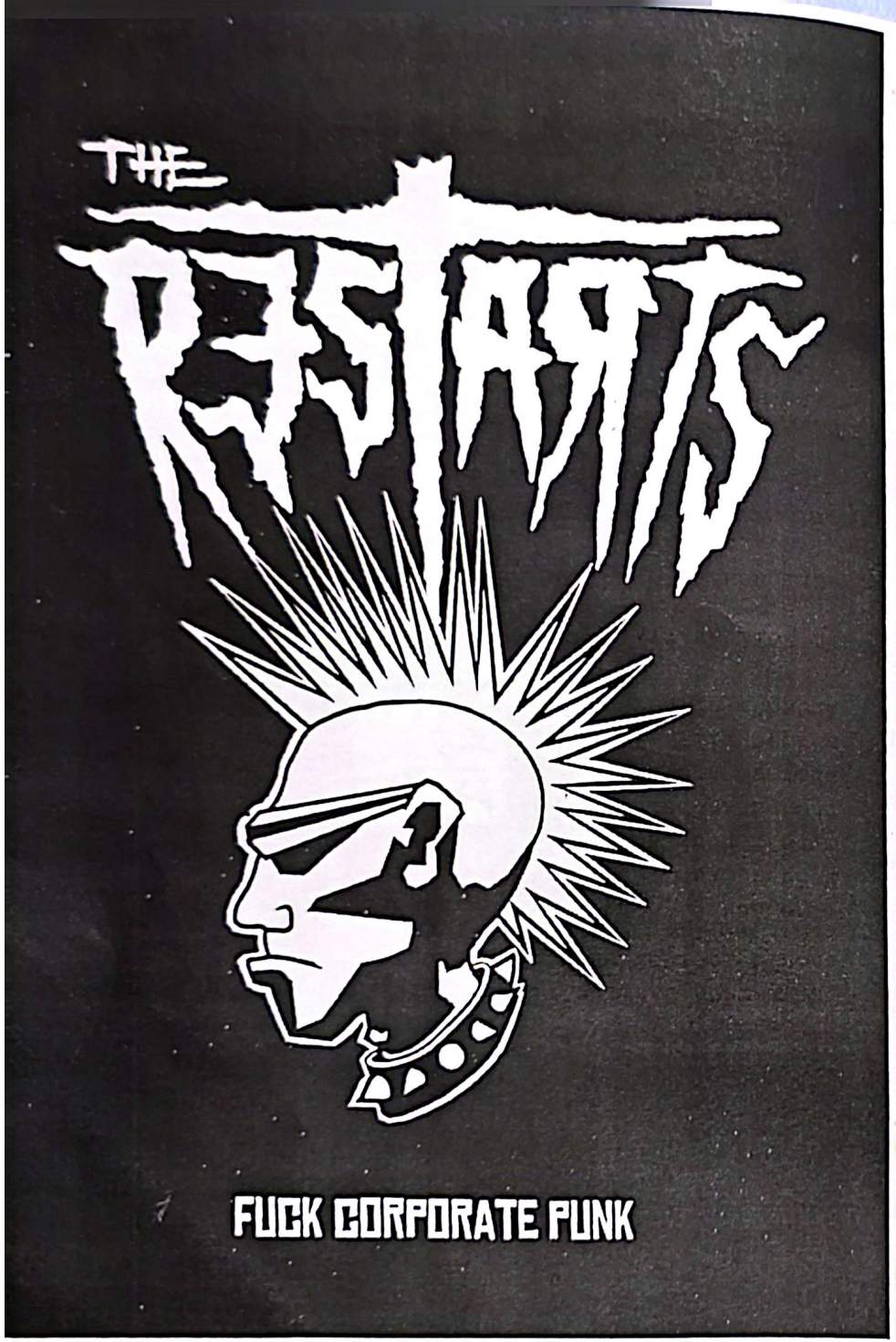

ESTARTS DARI INGGRIS GANTI EMBLEM INI ...

DI SOLIDARITAS UNTUK PUNK ACEH

Support the Punks in Aceh, Indonesia

I'm sure that many of you have seen or heard that the Police in the Province of Aceh, Indonesia have, under orders of a religious fundamentalist government, rounded up punk rock fans and have shaved the punks heads, taken their dog collars, necklaces and chains and thrown them into pools of water for "spiritual cleansing." The punks will now 'spend 10 days getting rehabilitation, training in military-style discipline and religious classes, including Quran recitation. Afterward, they'll be sent home.'

I'm sure you can easily imagine how it might feel to receive this treatment and perhaps, if you're a fan of punk, metal or any music subculture it hits a close to home in a way that is slightly little different than the 'average' human rights abuses we've sadly grown accustomed to ignoring. I can easily empathize with the complete frustration and humiliation these 'punks' must feel as I have had a few brushes with bully 'authorities' who pretend they're acting 'in the name of the law' but I have never, and hopefully never will, experience this type of human rights abuse by authorities of a state.

In the past Propagandhi has received letters from people in Banda Aceh and all over Indonesia so any one of these people could be the same people who have contacted us. I imagine that they feel complete rage and isolation inside at the moment. In the off chance that they might see this post I'd like to say to all the Punks who've been victimized by authorities in Indonesia that we, the members of Propagandhi, are supporting you and admire that you have expressed yourselves even at your own expense. You are definitely people to look up to and honor.

For us here in North America, and anywhere in the world where we are allowed to dress how we want (but clearly not to publicly demonstrate or protest), let this be a reminder of what happens when society follows fundamentalists and allows 'morals' to be dictated. There are a lot of people in all our countries who would love to give the 'spiritual cleansing' treatment to punks as well as people of other religions, fans of Harry Potter and countless other groups they may label as 'deviants'.

To everybody: If you believe in human dignity, autonomy, and the right for people to be able to make their own decisions- keep fighting for your rights and freedoms, as well as the rights and freedoms of others.

Hopefully within the lifetimes of the punks arrested in Aceh they will have the liberty to express themselves the way they choose.

Keep the spirit alive everybody.

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OUTSIDE THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY, LOS ANGELAS

GRAFFITI OUTSIDE THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY.
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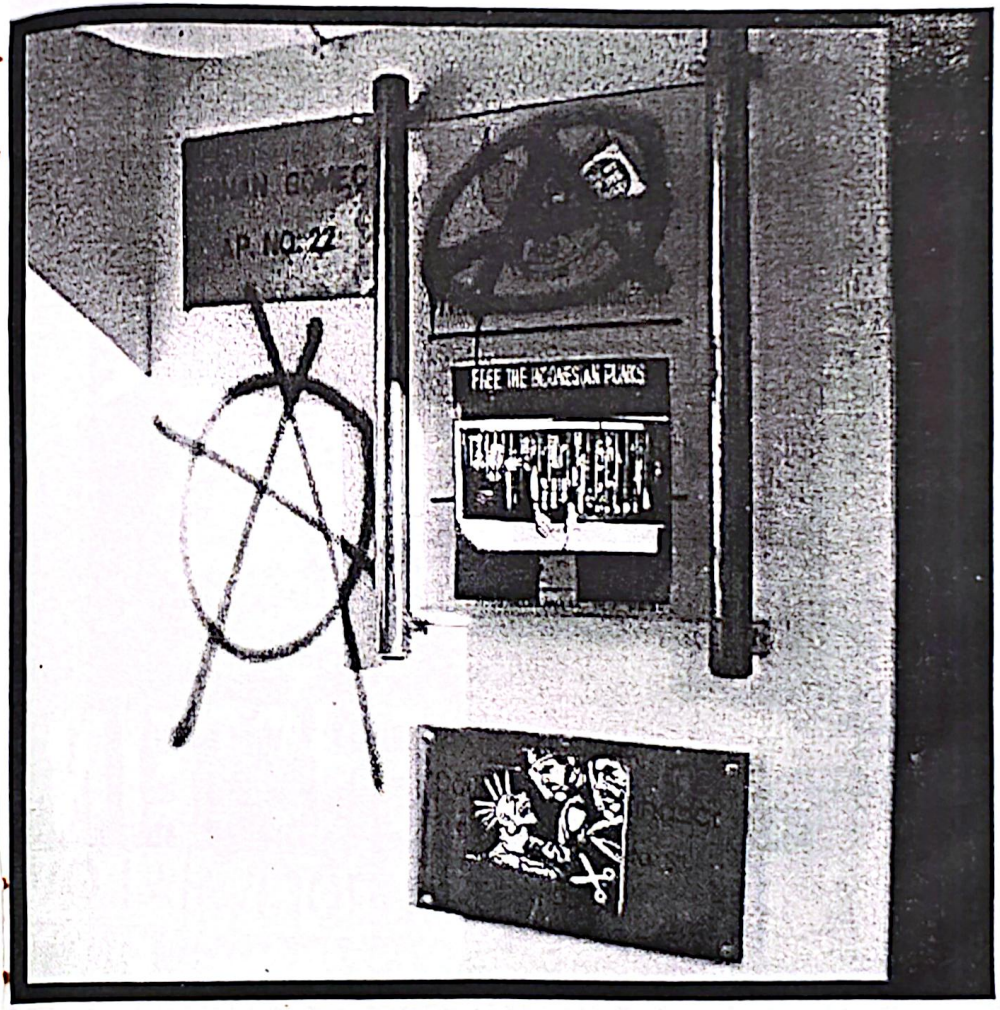
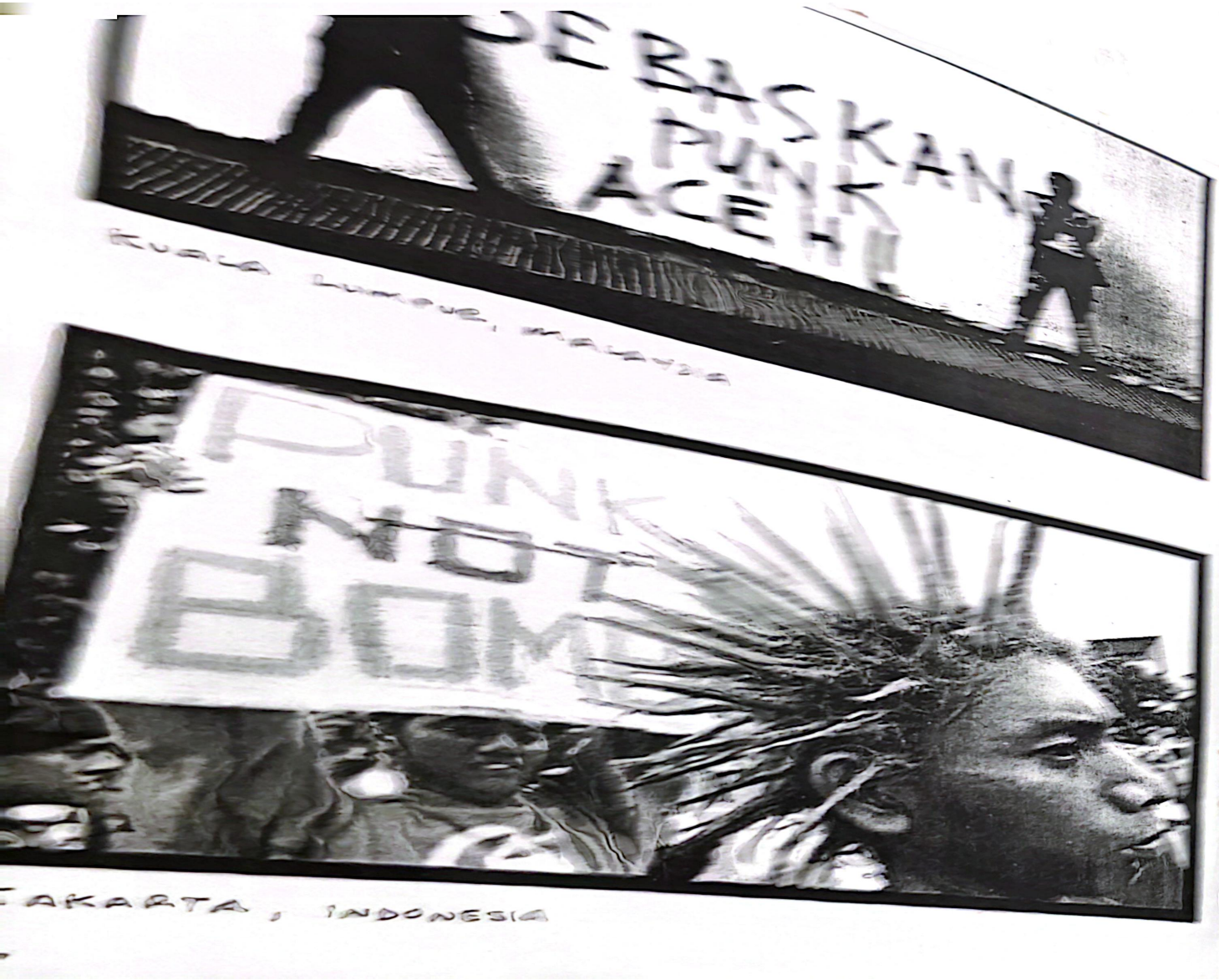


THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL...
SHOWS AGAIN OUR D.I.Y. METHODS OF PROTEST & SOLIDARITY CAN BE EFFECTIVE TOOLS.

SOLIDARITY GIG FLYER . ISTANBUL, TURKEY

THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY

ISTANBUL, TURKEY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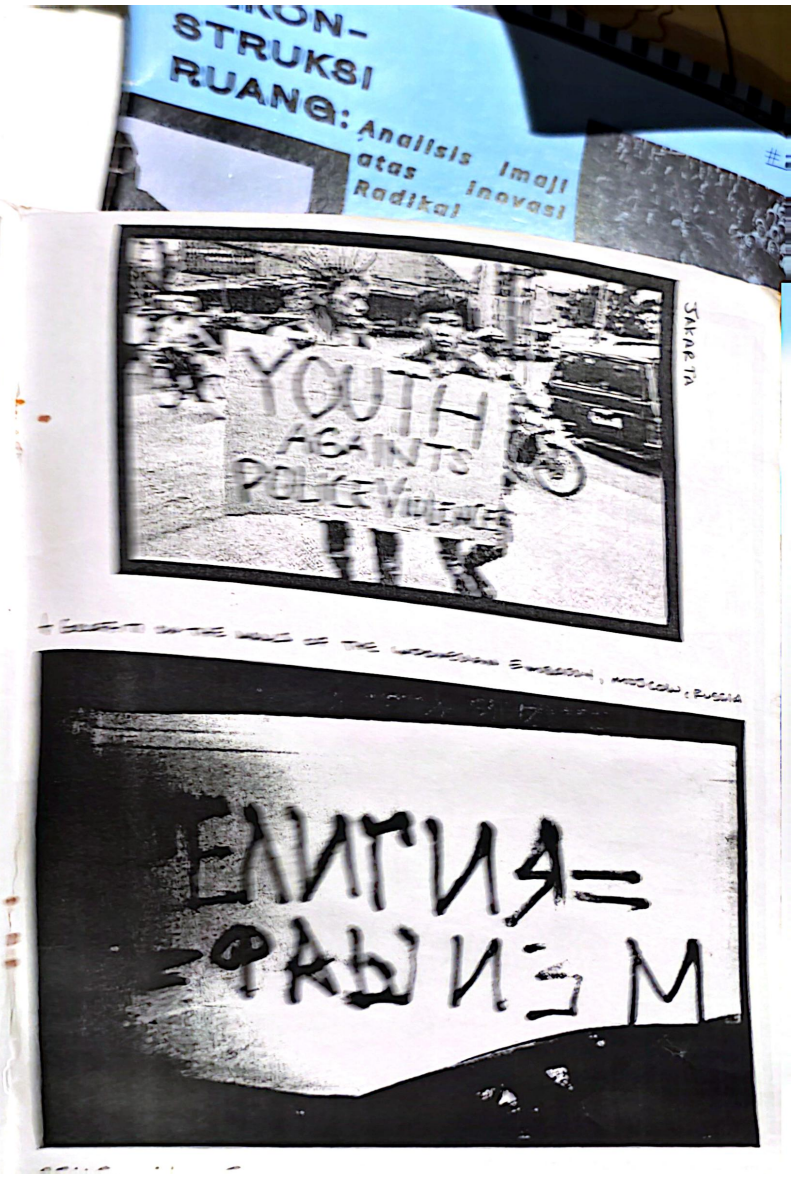
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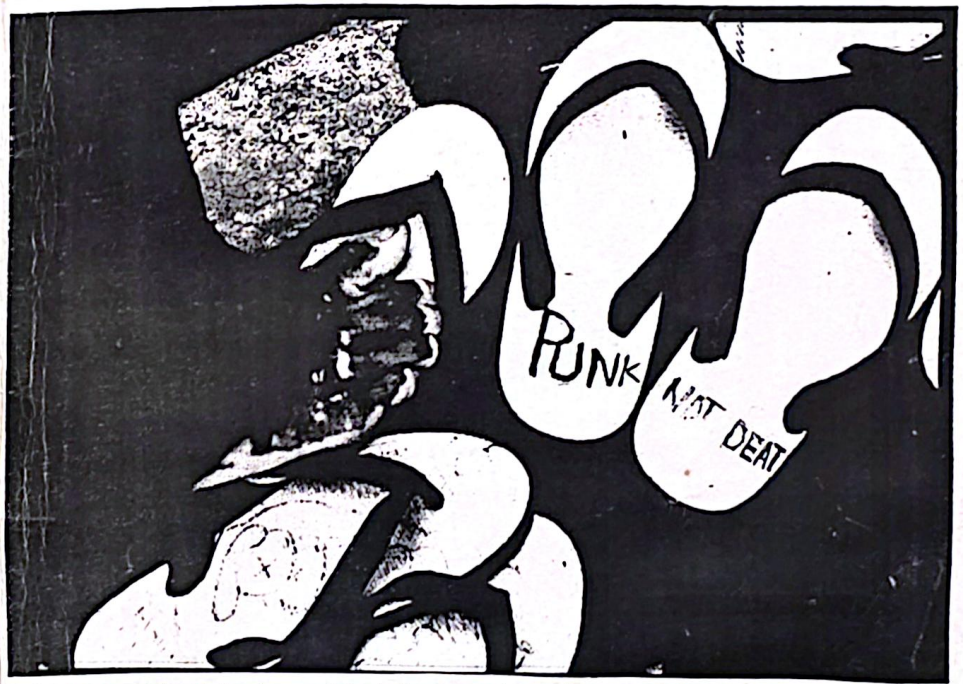
PUNK'S NOT DEAD !

BANDUNG, INDONESIA

The punks in Aceh may be free but the struggle isn't finished. Please continue to help keep attention and heat on this matter. Already police in other provinces in Indonesia are saying they want to round up punks and street youth and "re-educate" them. We can't allow this to happen. Our community is HUGE in Indonesia and it's time we show them just how big we are. We cannot allow this type of thing to continue. If any punk is imprisoned none of us can be free! The police need to be re-educated not us! The community needs to help bring awareness that we are not all criminals, we are not all bad. Many punks in the world, and here in Indonesia, are responsible, educated, hard working people. And if there is a problem with street youth, then address it in a healthy responsible way, provide scholarships, clothing, homes, food for them, rounding up and detaining punks and calling it a social disease is not the way to help anyone. Punk is not a crime!



Para punk di Aceh mungkin bebas, tapi perjuangan belum selesai. Silakan lanjutkan untuk membantu menjaga perhatian dan panasnya pada masalah ini. polisi di provinsi lain di Indonesia sudah mengatakan mereka ingin mengumpulkan punk dan pemuda jalanan dan "re-edukasi" mereka. Kita tidak bisa membiarkan ini terjadi. Komunitas kami BESAR di Indonesia dan sudah saatnya kita menunjukkan kepada mereka betapa besar kita. Kita tidak bisa membiarkan hal semacam ini untuk melanjutkan. Jika punk apapun dipenjara satu pun dari kita bisa bebas! Polisi perlu dididik ulang bukan kita! Masyarakat perlu membantu membawa kesadaran bahwa kita tidak semua penjahat, kita tidak semuanya buruk. Banyak punk di dunia, dan di sini di Indonesia, bertanggung jawab, mendidik untuk bekerja keras. Dan jika ada masalah dengan pemuda jalanan, harus tolong dan bertanggung jawab secara sehat, memberikan beasiswa, pakaian, rumah, makanan bagi mereka. Mengambil dan menahan punk dan menyebutnya itu adalah penyakit sosial. Itu adalah bukan cara yang sehat untuk membantu siapa pun. Punk bukan kriminal!

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